

## MAJOR MATTHEW D. SMITH

Major Matthew D. Smith graduated Cum Laude from the University of Delaware in 1993 where he received a Regular Army commission as an Infantry officer.

Major Smith's first assignment was at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. His first duty station was Fort Stewart, Georgia where he was assigned as a Platoon Leader in A Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Mech). While serving as a Platoon Leader he deployed in support of a contingency operation in Southwest Asia. Major Smith left active duty and joined the Georgia Army National Guard in 1996. He was assigned to Company H, 121<sup>st</sup> Infantry where he served as the Communications Platoon Leader, Assistant Operations Officer and then as Company Commander from October 1997 through September 1999. Major Smith also Commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Service Company, 221<sup>st</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion from September 2000 to September 2001. After serving as the Battalion Plans Officer for the 221<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion, he commanded Company H, 121<sup>st</sup> Infantry a second time from May 2002 through September 2003, a period which included the company's first deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his third Company Command, Major Smith served as the Battalion Executive Officer for the 221<sup>st</sup> MI Battalion, as the Assistant S-3 and S-3 for the 78<sup>th</sup> Troop Command, and as the S-1 for the 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Major Smith is currently assigned as the Battalion Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 121<sup>st</sup> Infantry (Light) based in Winder, Georgia.



Major Smith has a BS in Business Administration from the University of Delaware and an MBA from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course (Commandant's List), Signal Officer Advanced Course, MI Officer Transition & Advanced Courses, Maneuver Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff Officers Course, the Bradley Leader's Course (Honor Graduate), Airborne, Air Assault, Jumpmaster (Honor Graduate), and Ranger Schools.

Major Smith's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (5), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (2), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal (2), Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star, GWOT Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device and hourglass, Army Service Ribbon, Georgia Meritorious Service Medal (2), Georgia Commendation Medal, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Colombian Basic Parachutist Badge. He is also a recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice Centurion Award.